THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Even though 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, the Union Government attaches highest importance to the State Governments giving more focused attention to the prevention and control of crimes within their jurisdiction including metropolitan cities, with special emphasis on prevention of crime against vulnerable sections of the society such as the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Women and Children.

(b) and (c) The Union Government is implementing a scheme for modernization of State police forces which is aimed at equipping the state police forces adequately to enable them to effectively tackle crimes including threats to internal security, terrorism, communal and other disturbances. The scheme is being closely monitored.

Dabhol Power Project

*424. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to restart the Dabhol Power Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating power tariff payable by Government of Maharashtra and Central Government organizations to the consumers; and

(c) the financial viability of the project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New strategy to tackle Naxalite menace

*425. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are evolving a new strategy following the recent meet of State Chief Secretaries and DGs to tackle the growing menace of naxalism in various States;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Centre;

(c) whether the Indian naxal groups have links with foreign elements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Central Government has adopted a three pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism-(i) modernization and strengthening of State Police Forces, long term deployment of Para Military Forces, sustained intelligence based well-coordinated anti-naxalite operations, (ii) focused attention on integrated development of the affected areas and (iii) removal of socio cultural alienation of people, gearing up of public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups.

Besides, the Central Government has appreciated the peace dialogue initiated by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with naxal outfits.

(c) and (d) Available inputs indicate that MCCI and CPML—PW have linkages with CPN (Maoist), Nepal. There are also reports to suggest that these outfits are members of the Coordination Committee of Maoist Par ties and Organisations of South Asia (CCOMPOSA) and are in touch with the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM).

Criminal acts of Delhi Police personnel

†*426. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criminal acts committed by the police personnel in Delhi between January 1,2004 to July 31,2004;

(b) how the figures compare with those of the last year; and

(c) the details of the steps Government are taking to curb the incidents of criminal acts being committed by the police personnel in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The details of the criminal cases

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.